

EXHIBIT 10

Letter dated February 6, 1906 to J.R. Meskimmons
from United States Indian Service Chief Engineer

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE.

Sacaton, Arizona, February 6, 1906.

Mr. J. R. Meskimmmons,
Supt. of Irrigation,
Carson City, Nev.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter with reference to conditions on the Walker River Reservation received, and I note that the proposition of caring for so large a body of land as 10,000 acres will not be an easy one. Unless you could obtain inexpensive water power, or, have very cheap fuel at hand, would hardly think that pumping water for irrigation would be practicable in Nevada.

I am working on this pumping proposition on the Gila at present, and regard pumping irrigation water for Indians, as the very last resort, even with conditions as regards water supply, climate, and productiveness of soil as favorable as in the Salt and Gila River valleys. Would suggest however that you send some of the water from both open well and Lake, to the University of Arizona, at Tucson, and have the same analysed.

With reference to driving wells, do not ^{know} where you could obtain a rig, to rent, unless through correspondence with the So. Pac., or St. Fe people, who have had a number engaged in driv-

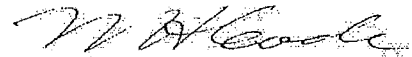
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ing wells during the past several years in Arizona and California points.

Can offer but little advice at long range, on problems in a country with which I have no familiarity. Would like to go over the reservation with you, but have many places demanding attention at this time. May be able to get over later on.

I presume there are no natural reservoir sites in that locality such as exist in Colorado, i.e. basins in the foot-hills into which, flood waters can be led by short canals, and which, by the construction of low dikes at lower points on rim, can be created into small reservoirs, of from 6 to 20 thousand acre ft capacity at reasonable expense. Would canvass every possible means of obtaining an irrigation supply before considering pumping.

Yours truly,



Chief Engineer.

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